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SUBJ: WATER BOARD CUTS LOSSES -1973

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1. THE AUTONOMOUS WATER BOARD HAS ANNOUNCED THAT LOSSES LAST YEAR WERE SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER THAN FOR 1972. THE OPERATING DEFICIT OF 298,000 MALTA POUNDS(ONE MALTA POUNDS EQUALS APPROX. DOLS 2.64) COMPARES WITH 457,000 MALTA POUNDS IN 1972. ACCORDING TO GOM, IMPROVEMENT IN 1973 WAS RESULT OF STEPS TAKEN TO INSURE THAT WATER USED WAS PROPERLY METERED, BILLED,AND PAID FOR AND OTHER MEASURES TO KEEP INEVITABLE RISE IN OPERATING AND PRODUCTION COSTS AS LOW AS POSSIBLE. IN PARTICULAR, E OF THE 4 DISTILLATION UNITS AT THE ELECTRICITY BOARD POWER-WATER STATION WERE SHUT DOWN AT BEGINNING OF DECEMBER IN ORDER TO REDUCE PRODUCTION COSTS.

2. COMMENT:WATER BOARD'S PERFORMANCE IS A PERIOD OF SHARPLY RISING ENERGY COSTS IS IMPRESSIVE. IT AND THE MALTA MILK UNDERTAKING ARE THE TWO REMAINING MONEY-LOSERS AMONG GOM AGENCIES. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEM DURING CURRENT SHORT RAINFALL YEAR HOW BADLY THE WATER BOARD'S ECONOMY IN SHUTTING DOWN THE DISTILLATION PLANTS WILL AFFECT ECONOMIC ACTIVITY DURING DRY SUMMER
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